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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION

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1. DISCUSSED CONTENTS STATE REFTEL WITH ADMIRAL AL-SAMMAK, SENIOR UNDERSECRETARY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT MINISTRY, ON 12 JULY. HE TOLD ME ENGINEER MOUSTAFA FAWZI IS NOT RPT NOT SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION SCHEDULED FOR LONDON JULY 18 THROUGH 22. ADMIRAL STRONGLY BELIEVES EGYPT SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. HE ASKED ME TO URGE IMMEDIATE EMBASSY APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BACK UP HIS CASE WITH USG VIEWS CITED PARA 3 REFTEL. I ASSURED HIM I WOULD DO SO.
- 3. WITH REGARDS TO WHAT OTHER ARAB STATES EGYPT FEELS SHE CAN

SPEAK FOR ON TSPP (PARA 4 REFTEL), SAMMAK SAID "NONE, OFFICIALLY". BUT HE THEN TOLD STORY OF LAST IMCO MEETING WHEN KUWAIT DEL ASKED HIM WHY HE PRESUMED SPEAK FOR ALL ARABS IN EGYPTIAN PRESENTATION. SAMMAK REVIEWED SPEECH WITH KUWAITI AND CONVINCED HIM GOE DEL HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED SUCH IMPLICATION. BUT, HE ASKED KUWAITI, THIS IS YOUR POSITION, ISN'T IT? KUWAIT DEL ADMITTED IT WAS.

4. POINT SAMMAK WISHED TO MAKE WAS THAT UNLESS ANOTHER ARAB STATE DELIBERATELY DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM EGYPTIAN STAND, EGYPT IS SPEAKING FOR THEM.
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